Cellular Companies' Request for extension of their Licences

4457. SHRI S.M. KRISHNA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the name of cellular companies who have requested for extension of their licences of DoT and since when these requests are pending including the reasons for keeping these cases pending;

(b) whether the Telecom Commission has referred the issue to the cabinet, if so, what decision has been taken so far; and

(c) whether DoT has received the report from Bureau of Industrial Cost and Prices (BICP) on the state of the cellular industry, if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI KABINDRA PURKAYASTHA): (a) The Cellular Operators Association of India (COAI), which represents all the 22 Cellular companies (names of the companies given in statement (see below), has been requesting for extension of licences period since January, 1997.

Bureau of Indistrial Costs & Prices (BICP) has been requested to carry out a techno-economic study of the Industry. Pending BICP's study, ICICI (Industrial Credit and Investment Corporation of India Limited) were also requested to undertake a quick study of the operational performance of the Cellular Service Industry. The matter requires careful consideration as intricate issues are involved and inter ministerial consultations are required. A final decision in the matter will be taken on consideration of all aspects of the matter.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) No, Sir.

Statement

List of Cellular Operators in Metro Cities/Circles

S.N.	Name and address of the Company	Service Area
(A)	*Metro Cities*	
1.	*Ws.* Bharti Cellular Ltd.,	Delhi
2.	M^ Sterling Cellular Ltd.,	Delhi
3.	M4 BPL Systems and Projects Ltd.,	Bombay
4.	M^ Hutchison Max Telecom Ltd.,	Bombay
5.	M* Modi Telstra Pvt. Ltd.	Calcutta
6.	M^ Usha Martin Telekom Ltd.,	Calcutta
7.	MS RPG Cellular Services Ltd.,	Madras
8.	*Ws* Skycell Communications Pvt. Ltd.	Madras
(B)	*Territorial Telecom Circles:*	
9.	M^ Aircell Digilink India Ltd.,	Haryana Rajasthan U.P. (EAST)
10.	MS FASCEL Ltd.,	Gujarat

S.N.	Name and address of the Company	Service Area
11.	*Ws* Hexacom India Ltd.,	North East Rajasthan
12.	M^ JT Mobiles Limited.	Andhra Pradesh Punjab Karnataka
13.	M^ Koshika Telecom Pvt. Ltd.	U.P. (EAST) U.P. (WEST) Orissa Bihar
14.	*M/s* Tata Communications Pvt. Ltd.	Andhra Pradesh
15.	M^ Escotel Mobile Communications Pvt. Ltd.	U.P. (WEST) Haryana Kerala
16.	M^ U S West BPL Cellular Telecom	Tamil Nadu Kerala Maharashtra
17.	M4 Bharti Telenet Ltd.,	Himachal Pradesh
18.	M^ RPG Cellcom Ltd.,	Madhya Pradesh
19.	M^ Birla Communications Ltd.,	Gujarat Maharashtra
20.	M^ Reliance Telecom (P) Ltd.,	Madhya Pradesh West Bengal Orissa Bihar North East Assam Himachal Pradesh
21.	*Ws* Modi Com Network (P) Ltd.,	Punjab Karnataka
22.	*Ws* Srinivas Cellcom Limited	Tamil Nadu.

Independent Telephone Exchange at Jangia in Himachal Pradesh

4458. SHRI SURYABHAN PATIL VAHADANE: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal to install and Independent Telephone Exchange at Jangia, District Shimla of Himachal Pradesh;

(b) if so, by when, if not, the reasons herefor; and

(c) whether Government have received any letter in this regard, if so, the steps taken by Government in this matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI KABINDRA PURKAYASTHA): (a) An independant C-DOT telephone exchange of 256 port already exists at Jangia, District Shimla of Himachal Pradesh.

(b) Not applicable in view of (a) above.